

many before the committee can have its bill ready to report to the House, if, indeed, it can be got ready by that time.

THE NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION.

Mrs. Morton and the Wives of Cabinet Officers to Assist at the White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Preparations are being actively pushed for the White House reception next Wednesday. The Democratic papers here made it a point to attempt to show that there is some feeling among the ladies of the Cabinet and Mrs. Morton in regard to Mrs. McKee taking her mother's place in the receiving line on that day. Mrs. Harrison will not be present on account of being in mourning for her sister, but the papers seem to have arranged it among themselves that Mrs. McKee is to take her place, and while no official notice has been given to this effect the Democratic journals have lashed themselves into great excitement, and likewise stirred up an imaginary trouble among the ladies interested. Their story is that the programme was talked over at a luncheon given by Mrs. Blaine, and that the ladies expressed themselves as much displeased because Mrs. McKee thought of taking her mother's place.

The truth of the matter is that no word or hint has been given among the ladies themselves. The subject was not mentioned at Mrs. Blaine's luncheon, nor would the ladies trouble themselves with the matter. Mrs. McKee, however, yesterday afternoon, that she had received an invitation to assist the President on New Year's day, and that she had accepted, but she did not mention or even think of mentioning the question to any of the ladies. Mrs. Harrison's place, Mrs. Blaine also failed at the report, as published, and said no word in regard to the matter had been spoken at her luncheon.

The ladies, on New Year's day, will stand in line according to their official position. Mrs. Morton being first, then Mrs. Blaine, while Mrs. Windom comes third, and Mrs. Proctor, Mrs. Tracy, Mrs. Wamamaker, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Rusk will stand in the order named.

Prof. Sousa, of the Marine Band, is preparing a novel and appropriate programme for the music on that day, and while the selections have not all been made, he has arranged to play a number of patriotic airs and anthems which, although old, are very seldom played. He has been making a study of American national airs, and a collection of very fine music of this class. He will make the programme one of unusual excellence for this occasion, and the introduction of many national hymns will make it a feature. One thing, however, he is determined upon, and that is that he will play no music that was formerly the Marine Band has played all the popular songs and airs at the White House reception, still Prof. Sousa does not think "McGinty" quite comes up to the occasion.

INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES.

Tobacco Will Probably Be Relieved of Its Burden, but Whisky Men Will Fight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Speaker Reed's accomplishment of having fixed and arranged his committees before the adjournment of Congress places that body in position to begin work at once. The coming session will be a busy one and Congress is ready now to buckle down to work. The margin of the political parties is too narrow for either one to branch out into much talk, and therefore both parties will try to accomplish as much work as possible. All the committees have blocked out their work and many of them are organized and ready for the campaign. The Congressmen who have remained in the city during the recess have been busy preparing the committee work and have accomplished a good deal for so few in number. As the session opens, it is to be done will be a reduction of the tobacco tax or the abolition of it. The reduction of the tax on alcohol used in the arts, perhaps, will be easily accomplished, because of sentiment in the matter. It seems that the whisky men are opposed to such a reduction and will fight it in Congress. Strange as it may seem, they are in favor of the present tax on whisky and even a higher rate, and will do all in their power to prevent any action in Congress on the matter; but the tobacco tax is deemed and it is safe to say that a bill in this regard will be passed early in the session.

CIVIL-SERVICE REFORM.

The House Committee on the Subject in Favor of the Law—Mr. Thompson's Views.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—It is expected that the House committee on reform in the civil service, to whom was referred the resolution in favor of reform in the civil service, will report in favor of the resolution soon after the reassembling of Congress. They will probably extend the inquiry so as to show the effect of the reform in the government service. The Civil-service Commissioners are anxious that such an investigation be had. They are sure of showing that their administration of the commission has been on an impartial basis, without irregularity of any sort. They know, too, that it can be shown that the government service has been vastly improved under the civil-service system. The record of work done and general character of the civil-service reform will be the strongest argument in favor of the reform. Mr. Thompson says of the proposed investigation that it cannot fail to advance the interests of the civil service, which will be such as to disarm opposition. "Under the reform system I know, from experience and observation, the service made a marvelous advance in improvement, and the system cannot be praised too highly when one observes the good accomplished by it. The civil-service committee is organized strongly on the line of reform. The chairman, Mr. Lehigh, is a pronounced civil-service reformer. Representatives Bayne, Butterworth, Greenhalgh and Andrews, of the committee, are well known civil-service reformers and are men of ability, and Representative Dargan wrote a report during the last Congress, in which he made a very able defense of the reform."

MINOR MATTERS.

The President Goes on Gunning for Ducks on the Lower Potomac.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The President left Washington this afternoon on a duck-hunting expedition to the lower Potomac, in Mr. Bateman's steam yacht, and expects to be away until Saturday. He was accompanied by Mr. Bateman, Senators Edmunds and Hawley, Justice Gray, of the Supreme Court, and Mr. J. W. Thompson, a banker of this city. A dispatch from Aquia Creek, Va., says the yacht containing the President anchored off Richmond this afternoon for several hours. The President and party came ashore, and after looking around and obtaining information as to game, returned to the yacht, which started for a point near the surrounding country. Richmond is the former home of Governor Lee, and is the most favored hunting-ground for duck and quail on the river.

To Keep Out Lepers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—At the last annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, at Brooklyn, N. Y., a resolution was adopted, calling upon the officers of the United States Marine Hospital Service to exercise the same watchful vigilance to prevent the introduction into the United States of persons suffering with leprosy, as is done to prevent the introduction of yellow fever, cholera, etc. In accordance with the tenor of this resolution, Surgeon-general Hamilton has prepared a series of regulations, having this end in view, which will be sent to the proper officials for their guidance in dealing with persons suffering from this disease. The regulations have been approved by the President.

Commissioner Baum Ill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Commissioner Baum, of the Pension Bureau, is quite ill at his home on Rhode Island avenue. During

the day yesterday he had three chills slightly congestive in character, followed by high fever. He was restless during all of last night, but is somewhat better to-night.

General Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Rodgers, wife of Rear Admiral C. R. P. Rodgers, died at her residence in this city this evening after a long illness.

Mr. August Schneider, one of the delegates to the international marine conference from Denmark, has informed Admiral Franklin, president of the conference, that he will not be able to attend the further sittings of the conference. He is in charge of the tonnage and registry department at Copenhagen, and is obliged to leave for home to attend to his official duties.

Today's bond offerings were as follows: Registered fours, \$81,600, at \$1.25; coupon fours and a half, \$2,000, at \$1.05; registered four-and-a-halfs, \$6,000, at \$1.05. All the offers were accepted.

OBITUARY.

Mother Aloysia, Founder of the Catholic Order of the Sisterhood of Charity.

GREENSBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.—Mother Aloysia, for many years the superior of the Sisters of Charity, died at the St. Joseph's Academy, here, yesterday. Her death was the result of a long illness, contracted two or three years ago. The funeral services will take place on Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Thirty years of Mother Aloysia's life was spent in the service of religion of the sisterhood. She was fifty-two years of age. Twenty years ago she came from Cincinnati to Altoona, where she formed the Sisterhood of Charity. Seven years later she came to Greensburg and purchased the property known as Seaton Hall, on which she had erected the imposing structure, St. Joseph's Academy, at an expenditure of \$100,000.

Col. Robert J. Stevens.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—Col. Robert J. Stevens, United States consul at Victoria, died suddenly, to-day, at the residence of his son-in-law, J. A. Hinkle, in this city. His death was particularly sad, as he was a devoted husband and father. He was born in New York, and came to Seattle in 1861, where he remained a number of years. At the beginning of the war he went into the service as major. In 1863 was appointed secretary to the committee on appropriations in the House. He resigned this position to accept that of United States consul at Victoria. This latter position Stevens has occupied about six years. He was married in San Francisco, in 1840, to Caroline, the second daughter of Col. Baker, who died at the head of his regiment at the bloody battle of Ball's Bluff in 1861.

Widow of Gen. George H. Thomas. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The widow of Gen. George H. Thomas died suddenly last night at her residence here. She had not been in good health for two years past, although up to the hour she retired there was nothing in her condition to awaken uneasiness among her friends. Her husband passed away quietly, as did her distinguished husband, nineteen years ago, at San Francisco.

Other Deaths.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Mr. C. F. Covington, a prominent business man of this city, died to-day at his residence in Madisonville after a lingering illness. At the time of his death he was vice-president of the Cincinnati Commercial and Financial Association.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 26.—Charles W. Sharpless, a member of the well-known dry goods firm of Sharpless Brothers, died to-day, aged thirty-eight years.

IOWA COLLEGE BURNED.

The Western, of Toledo, Destroyed, Entailing a Loss of \$150,000—To Be Rebuilt at Once. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., Dec. 26.—At 1:45 o'clock, this morning, fire broke out in the main building of the Western College, at Toledo, and, as a high wind from the northwest was prevailing at the time, the entire structure was consumed before the flames could be checked. All that was saved was a part of the library and the contents of the treasury. The loss is \$150,000, with insurance of \$25,000 only. The origin of the fire is unknown. This was one of the colleges in the State. The citizens of Toledo held a meeting, this afternoon, and took steps for the immediate erection of a new building. The president of the college of the college also held a meeting to-day, and decided that the school will go on as usual. The winter term begins Thursday of next week.

Fire Under a Pittsburg Theater.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—A fire broke out to-night at a fire of unknown origin broke out in the cellar under the Casino Museum, on Fifth avenue, near Wood street. Two alarms of fire were turned in, and the fire and police departments were quickly at the scene. There were about four hundred people inside of the building at the time, and all were safely removed. The fire was caused by a gas stove, which was moved, with the exception of a few who were bruised from being trampled upon. None, however, received serious injury. The damage to the building was small, and is fully covered by insurance.

Other Fires.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—A large wooden tenement owned by A. D. Remington, and occupied by twelve families, took fire at 6:30 this evening and was consumed. The high wind prevailing caused such a rapid spread of the flames that nothing could be saved. Most of the families lost nearly all of their clothing as well as their household goods and are nearly destitute. The loss on the building is about \$10,000.

GREENVILLE, Miss., Dec. 26.—The business portion of Europa, Miss., a village on the Georgia Pacific railroad, was destroyed by fire last night, including three stores, hotel, live stable and one residence. Loss, \$12,000. No insurance.

Notable Catholic Event.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 26.—Great crowds of Catholics arrived in St. Paul to-day from all over the Northwest, drawn hither by the consecration ceremonies which will be solemnized at the Cathedral to-morrow. There will be upward of three hundred priests and bishops in attendance. The event is of notable interest, and is particularly because it is the second time that three bishops have been consecrated together in the United States, and the first time in the history of the church that three have been from one diocese. The ceremony will be conducted by Archbishop Ireland, assisted by Archbishop Gracey and Bishop Marty, and the priests on whom the mitres will be conferred are the Rev. John Shanley, of St. Paul, the Rev. James B. McGowan, of Duluth, and the Rev. Joseph B. Cotter, of Winona. The Rev. Walter Elliott, of New York, will preach the consecration sermon. Among the bishops in the procession will be Joseph Dwyer, of Fort Wayne, Ind.; F. S. Chataf, of Vincennes, Ind.; J. L. Spalding, of Peoria, Ill., and James Ryan, of Alton, Ill.

She Had Swallowed a Water-snake.

PEMBERTON, N. J., Dec. 26.—While gathering cranberries, a few weeks ago, Miss Gertrude, a young colored woman, was obliged to quench her thirst from a stream running through the bog. While stooping down to drink she saw a very big snake dash by her, as she supposed, but recently it has been discovered that she had swallowed the reptile with the water she drank. A few days ago she was taken violently ill, and died. The snake was a water snake, and was about three feet long. The patient is suffering from ill effects from her queer experience.

AYER'S Sarsaparilla braces up the system, purifies and invigorates. Invalids need it.

INDIANA AND ILLINOIS NEWS.

Daily Chronicle of Events of Interest Occurring in the Two States.

Flight of an Embezzling Lumber Agent— Killed by the Cars—Fatal Burning and Panic at a Christmas Celebration.

INDIANA.

Morris-town Agent of a Shelbyville Lumber Firm Said to Have Embezzled \$1,500.

Morris-town, Dec. 26.—About two weeks ago, George Justus, a prominent business man of this place, and an employee of — & Swain, lumber-dealers at Shelbyville, left here, ostensibly on a business trip to Rushville. But developments have since proved that he has gone to unknown parts and taken about \$1,500 of his employers' money. He had been given the money to buy trees and lumber with here, but it seems he appropriated it to his own use. His wife, Mrs. Justus, who was with him, carried his little boy to go with him but he refused.

Ground to Pieces by the Cars. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ANDERSON, Dec. 26.—John Kemp, aged about thirty-five years, residing a few miles west of Elwood, this county, was run over by at least one train, and probably two, last night, and literally ground to pieces. His remains were found scattered along the Lake Erie & Western railroad track a half mile west of Elwood, this morning. Kemp was in Elwood yesterday afternoon, and last night about midnight he was feeling drunk. Some boys who found him staggering, put him on the road home. It is supposed that Kemp fell or lay down on the track in a drunken stupor.

Fighting a Pipe-Line Company. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. HARTFORD CITY, Dec. 26.—A few weeks ago James A. Williams, of this city, was awarded \$500 damages against the Salomon pipe-line, which supplies Fort Wayne with natural gas. The pipes of the company were laid through Williams' farm. The company appealed and decided to remove the pipes from Williams' farm. A force of men were engaged in that work to-day, when they were arrested by Williams for malicious trespass. Farmers are watching the line for the removal of Williams' struggle with the corporation.

Persistent Efforts of Burglars. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WINDFALL, Dec. 26.—About 12 o'clock last night Rev. E. McCarty discovered three persons lurking around his residence inside the yard. Mr. McCarty opened the door and they made their escape. Again, at 3 o'clock in the morning, one of them was discovered on the porch. McCarty took to his room and called on the police. A kitchen door. The man on the porch near him when he fired, but missed his aim. All three then ran and made their escape.

Grant County Farmers' Institute. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MARION, Dec. 26.—The Grant County Farmers' Institute commenced a two-day session here to-day, with Joshua Strange presiding. Hon. George W. Steele made the address of welcome. Prof. W. C. Latta, of Purdue University, State superintendent of farmers' institutes, is here taking a hand in the work. A number of other distinguished authorities in agricultural circles are present and will participate in the exercises.

Saved a Village from Destruction. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WARSAW, Dec. 26.—Early yesterday morning Wm. Hays, an engineer on the Cincinnati, Washington & Michigan Cannon-ball press train, in passing through the village of Eau Claire, noticed a stove-pipe on fire. Hays stopped his train and gave the alarm, preventing a conflagration which would have swept the town. Last night the stove-pipe of the engine was lit, and presented the engineer with an elegant gold chain and chain.

Muncie Gun Club's Shoot. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MUNCIE, Dec. 26.—The Muncie Gun Club held its monthly shoot, yesterday, for the club's gold badge emblem, which is contested for monthly by the fifteen members. The badge was won by Goby Williamson, a resident of this city. The other distinguished authorities in agricultural circles are present and will participate in the exercises.

An Alabama Embezzler Caught. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. LEBANON, Dec. 26.—Daniel E. Jones was arrested to-day upon a requisition from the Governor of Alabama. He was taken by an officer to Birmingham to answer to a charge of embezzlement of \$500 from G. O. Smith, of Lincoln, Ala.

Minor Notes. The town clerk of Clinton, Joseph M. Black, disappeared, and numerous creditors have since upon the result. Warren Dupree was seriously if not fatally stabbed by Ben Garrett in a quarrel over a Christmas game of "oontz" at Jeffersonville.

The Connersville Knights of Labor held their semi-annual election under the Australian system, as a means of teaching their members the new law. The influenza has made its appearance in Hartford City, being brought here by Dr. Peter Drayor, who has been sneezing in a fashionable manner since Wednesday. Several others are attacked.

Near Elkhart, J. Maist, a nurseryman, was again hit by a runaway team the other night and left unconscious in the road. The thieves secured but little money. At Roschdale, Morgan county, on Christmas eve, a sad case of robbery was perpetrated. A man named Lillian Allen, the neck, breast and back. His wounds are regarded as fatal.

A small fire occurred at Pendleton, Wednesday night in a stable, and about a bushels of corn and five tons of hay, belonging to Samuel McKee, were consumed. Loss, about \$600; insurance, \$200.

Leander City and John Gilligan got into a quarrel over a woman named Giltigan. City drew a revolver and shot Gilligan through the heart, killing him instantly. Gilligan was a miner at Island City.

Pendleton decided to vote ten to one to make the four-pikes entering the city free in the future. The commissioners have made the appropriation, and the old-fashioned toll-gate will soon be a relic of the past.

A house owned by John Moore, in Gott's addition to Brazil, took fire, yesterday morning, and was consumed. Value, \$600; insurance, \$200. The family, who were mostly saved. There was an insurance of \$200 on them.

At Lawrenceburg, on Christmas day, Henry Morris, aged ten, was shot in the forehead by a boy named Wayne Smith, aged fourteen, was shot in the back with the same kind of a weapon, the ball penetrating one of his lungs.

While curing her hair, Miss Mary Miles, daughter of Auditor John V. Miles, one of the prettiest young ladies of Marion, accidentally drew a hot curling-iron across her eyes, scarring the eyes. The sight of the eyes is undoubtedly destroyed.

An early hour yesterday morning fire consumed a new dwelling house, at Muncie, belonging to Samuel Drake and occupied by the family of Chas. Cutler, who, with his family, came near suffocating before the fire. Loss, \$600; no insurance.

The west-bound vestibule train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Indiana railroad collided with a freight engine which was partly on the side-track, at Morris-town, Shelby county, Wednesday morning. The engine both engines and killing several cars. No one was killed and no one dangerously hurt.

Within the past decade Lawrenceburg has been four times blessed with the birth of triplets, invariably consisting of two girls and a boy. The water from the old town pump on Shipping street is held responsible and the people believe that if the pump doesn't break down Lawrenceburg will, in time, become a city of the first magnitude.

On Christmas eve, at Cloverdale, Morgan county, a son-keeper named Wallace was set upon by a man named Bryant, who was concerned in a brawl which the proprietor was endeavoring to quell. Calling the proprietor on to attack him with a knife, cutting him severely. Wallace then used his pistol and shot Bryant. Both men are dangerously injured.

Mrs. Anna Petery, wife of John Petery, of Marion, had a narrow escape from serious injury, yesterday night. She was going to New Albany on a visit to her parents, and when the J. M. & I. train reached North Fort, near Jeffersonville, a ball fired by some one from the outgoing train shattered the glass of the car-window by which Mrs. Petery was sitting, the ball, which had spent its force, striking her in the temple, abrading the skin, but fortunately doing no serious damage.

ILLINOIS.

Mock Santa Claus Burned and Many Women and Children Injured. TUCSON, Dec. 26.—A serious accident occurred at a Christmas celebration in the town of Bourbon Tuesday night. Samuel Beardsley, a well-known merchant of the town, was enacting the part of Santa Claus at a Christmas festival and was dressed in the usual costume, composed largely of raw cotton and other inflammable material. The cotton accidentally caught fire and in an instant Beardsley was enveloped in flames. He endeavored to reach the open air and in so doing plunged into the dense throng of women and children, who thronged the room, and a terrible panic ensued. When the victim of the flames was reached by those retaining presence of mind, he was lying in a very dangerous condition, being burned from head to foot in a shocking manner. He cannot live. A number of women and children were quite seriously hurt by being knocked down and trampled upon.

Usual Fate of the Peace-Maker. ROCK ISLAND, Dec. 26.—Dorcas Mart, a Moline painter, was killed to-day by Wm. Chatterton, leading man of a traveling dramatic company, yesterday, and the doctors say the victim cannot recover. Mart, with some other men, had been throwing dice in a saloon, and, becoming quarrelsome, were ordered out. Angry words were repeated on the sidewalk. Chatterton heard the disturbance from his room in the hotel and went out to see what was going on. Acting as peace-maker, when Mart drew a knife and stabbed him twice.

Child Run Down by a Train. Special to the Indianapolis Journal. CHAMPAIGN, Dec. 26.—The O. & W. passenger train ran over and killed the two-year-old son of George Leonard, at Mahomet, in this county, this afternoon. The child had wandered on the track, and was seen by the engineer too late to stop the train.

Brief Mention. Calvin Cornutt, grand organizer of the Farmers Mutual Benefit Association, instituted a lodge of twenty members at Clinton, to-day.

James Patrick was held in \$2,500 bond at Monticello, yesterday, for the killing of Everett Thrisher at Atwood. He gave bail and was released.

The convicts at Joliet were entertained to-day by the Cambridge Dramatic Company, which gave them a pleasing performance. A feast followed the entertainment.

Tuesday night, at Shelbyville, Andrew Fegan, aged twenty-two years, married with his father, Michael Fegan, and stabbed him seriously, if not fatally. He was granted a hearing and sent to jail in default of \$2,500 bail.

Mrs. Jennie O'Brien, aged twenty, shot herself in the neck with a revolver in her home at Joliet, Wednesday, and dropped dead to her husband's arms. The couple were married just a year ago to-day. They were alone in the room at the time of the shooting.

All over central Illinois springlike mildness applies very generally. The thermometer ranges about thirty above zero, and fall plowing is in active operation and light clothing is worn. Fancies and verities are in bloom in gardens and fields, and butternut and apricot blossoms in the open fields and woods. Peach-blossoms are seen here and there.

QUAKER CITY PRINTERS. Their Grievances Placed in the Hands of the Executive Council of the Union. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—A large number of printers attended a special meeting of Typographical Union No. 2 to-day to take action on the refusal of the proprietors of the Inquirer, North American, Record, Press and Times to grant the advance in the price of type-setting, recently demanded. President Plank and District Organizer Jones, of the International Union, were present. After several addresses had been made, urging that the demand of the union be insisted upon, a vote was taken on the question of referring the matter to the executive council of the International Union for action. The result was overwhelmingly in favor of pushing the demand in this way. Under this action District Organizer Jones became the representative of the union in conference with the proprietors, and he started out to visit the latter this afternoon. His report is, it is said, will be made to the executive council, which represents the printers, when the latter is not in session, and which is now authorized to direct extreme measures on the part of the printers concerned if it fails to do so.

McClellan, the international secretary-treasurer, was reported on his way here to-night.

Propositions Rejected. WOBURN, Mass., Dec. 26.—A second conference between representatives of the Leather Manufacturers' Association and the Knights of Labor was held to-day. The manufacturers rejected all propositions submitted by the Knights, but were willing to sign an agreement to pay their own price for the use of the leather in the manufacture of the Knights of Labor in hiring their help. A meeting of the workmen was held to-night, when a vote was taken by ballot to accept the proposition. The result was 1,115 to 17. This action indicates a prolonged and stubborn fight.

Old Eight-Hour Law Revived. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 26.—The city solicitor has decided that the eight-hour law is applicable to the departments under control of the city government. The law was enacted by the Legislature twenty-one years ago, but has since been inoperative. It was until attention was recently called to it by the United Labor League.

Crust Outrage by White Caps. CONCORDIA, Kan., Dec. 26.—Dr. Courtney, of Concordia, the scene of the recent White Cap outrages, was arrested, to-day, on the complaint of John McKee, who was visited by the regulators two nights ago. McKee tells a pitiful story. He said the visiting party accused him of robbery, and when he would not confess to the crime they beat him severely with whips, and then hanged him from a road bridge by the neck three times in succession. The third time he was released, and when he recovered he was lying in the middle of the bridge, more dead than alive. A vigorous effort is being made to bring the "White Caps" to justice.

Killed and Injured by an Explosion. EDMONTO, Mich., Dec. 26.—At an early hour this morning the boiler in a steam engine, seven miles east of here, blew up, killing foreman F. Stedman, breaking every bone in his body, seriously injuring engineer John Welch and Charles Saunders, and slightly injuring Charles Bowen, all married men. Indications point to low water as the cause of the explosion.

Don't Commit Suicide! If you have dyspepsia, with headache, heartburn, distress in the stomach, no appetite, and are all worn out—but your bowels are constipated, use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They will cure you. It creates an appetite and gently regulates the digestion. Sold by druggists.

CYCLONE AND LOSS OF LIFE.

New York and Pennsylvania Swept by a Severe and Destructive Storm.

Buildings Blown Down at Several Places and a Number of People Killed and Injured— Oil derricks Levelled to the Ground.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A thunder-storm, accompanied by heavy wind, passed over this State this morning. At Buffalo the wind reached a velocity of sixty-five miles an hour, but no damage is reported from that section. At Rochester an empty ice-house was blown down, and considerable damage was done to chimneys and out-buildings. At Utica immense hail-stones fell, and great damage was done to fruit trees. A large blacksmith-shop was blown down at Rome, but no one was injured.

A cyclone from the southwest swept across Onondaga lake about 10 o'clock this morning, prostrating many structures. The cloud caught up a volume of water and with it a large quantity of ice, and in the course of its path it struck the horse barn of the People's Street-railway Company, carrying away the cornice and roof of the building and overthrowing the front walls. A mass of brick and timber was hurled into the building, doing much damage. Charles A. Nichols, assistant superintendent, aged about forty, was instantly killed. Giles Wood, an employee, had his collar-bone broken, and he was otherwise hurt; condition not dangerous. Joseph Forbister was hurt internally, and his head bruised. Several other employees were slightly injured. Damage to building, several thousand dollars.

When the storm was at its height at Buffalo, it was thought that the waves from Lake Erie would wash out a portion of the tracks of the New York Central railroad. The spray dashed against the windows of the passenger trains. Near Hudson street the tracks were under water at one time. The wind went down considerably this afternoon, and it was thought that all danger to the tracks was over, though the waves frequently washed over the rails.

The storm reached New York city and vicinity this afternoon. In the upper part of the city the storm was accompanied by thunder and lightning. In Brooklyn a three-story frame building, in course of erection, was blown down and three carpenters were buried in the ruins. They were all rescued alive, but were badly injured. Two little girls who were passing by the time were struck by flying debris, one of them suffered a fracture of the leg, and the eyes of the other were badly injured. In Jersey City Samuel Baucher, aged fifty-two, was killed by being struck by the limb of a tree which was blown down by the heavy wind.

A dispatch from Lock Haven, Pa., says: Heavy showers, accompanied by thunder and lightning and heavy winds, passed over this city this morning. The large technical school of Massena & Reed was blown down and destroyed. Loss, \$5,000. An Auburn, rain, hail, thunder, lightning and high winds characterized the day's weather. The morning breeze, blowing and demolished one side of the house.

At Bradford, Pa., a terrible northwest wind prevailed all day, and thousands of trees were leveled to the ground throughout the McKean and Allegheny fields. In Bradford, the house of John Carr, at the head of Sanford street, was blown down, and the foundation and chimney on the hillside at an angle of forty degrees. The family were in the house at the time, but, beyond being badly frightened, escaped unhurt. John Evans's house, in course of construction at 104 Jackson avenue, was lifted from its underpinning and badly warped. Up the west branch of the Tuguehock creek, forty-three derricks were blown down, and on the east branch twenty-three are counted. Four were blown down on Mount Raub, thirteen at the foot of the mountain, and one at Custer. Reports from Garlick Hollow say nearly all the derricks in that vicinity were picked up by the wind and strewn on the ground. In many cases the engine was destroyed, and even rig-timers giving way to the force of the hurricane. At Knapp's creek, it is believed there are at least five derricks blown down. Telegraph wires are down in all directions. The losses, as far as can be estimated to-night, will aggregate at least \$400,000.

At Pittsburg considerable damage was done by the wind. Small trees, fences, and out-houses were blown down, and the telephone service north and south had been completely cut by the prostration of the wires. To-night, however, Chief Bender, of the Western Union, reports the wires in good shape again. The river is rapidly falling and cold weather is expected to-morrow.

A bridge in course of construction across the Lehigh river, between Lehigh and Northampton, Pa., was blown down by high wind this afternoon. Three workmen fell a distance of thirty feet. Gustav Berg was fatally hurt, Charles Zimmerman had his leg broken and leg broken and was taken to the hospital, and Thomas Crawford had his hip broken.

At Baltimore, Md., a couple of houses were blown down. A child named William, street fell on a little girl named Minnie Kimmelman, aged ten years, and killed her.

Great Damage to California Railways. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—The heavy rain of the last few days continued this morning. All trains from the northeast are abandoned. The damage to the tracks is very great. The Santa Fe officials estimate the loss on their line will reach \$300,000, and the loss on Southern Pacific lines will reach \$150,000. The country to the west is flooded, and many miles of track are under water. The Southern Pacific bridge at El Monte has been washed away, and passengers are brought here on horse-back and on foot. Several days before the line is open to San Francisco.

Great damage has been done to the street car lines and the bridges in this city. Many of the houses in the low lands are flooded, and the families are driven out. It is reported that the house of James Ryan, on the river bank, has been washed away, and that the whole family is missing. The levee is broken in several places. Fully twenty-five inches of rain has fallen this season.

Signal-Service Warning. WASHINGTON, Dec. 26, 8 P. M.—A severe storm has moved since morning from the St. Lawrence valley to the New England coast; violent gales have prevailed on the lakes, and from New England to Cape Hatteras; maximum velocities of fifty-six miles per hour are reported from Block Island and Boston, sixty miles at Sandy Hook, and from thirty to forty miles on the Virginia coast. High northwesterly winds will prevail during the night on the Atlantic coast, from Maine to Virginia, decreasing in force on Friday morning.

California Winery Destroyed. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—It is reported that the Nadeau winery, near this city, was destroyed yesterday, together with \$100,000 of wine, by the breaking of the levee in the Los Angeles river.

Poverty of the Dakota Governments. BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 26.—Governor Mellette says that South Dakota will be obliged to close up some of her institutions. "The receipts of the State will fall so far short of the expenses that there is apparently no other alternative. Undoubtedly that will be the business way of meeting the emergency. There are schools that can be closed and the State survive. In North Dakota, Mellette says, the conditions were more favorable. Governor Miller, in his message to the Legislature, estimated the deficiency for the first year at \$150,870.30.

Oklahoma Wants Territorial Government. GUTHRIE, Ind. T. Dec. 26.—A petition which has been circulating through Oklahoma, was returned here to-day with the seven hundred signatures of the petition is addressed to the Congress of the United